Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Spruce Run Reservoir area

Spruce Run Reservoir

New Jersey
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

9/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 5–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **55–62°F**, lows **31–33°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

55° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	NW 5–10 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:47 AM / 4:41 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

TUESDAY NOV 17

58° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:48 AM / 4:40 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

62° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:49 AM / 4:39 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: NW → W · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:47 AM EST) → ~9 AM**
- Use any ripple as cover

MIDDAY

- Shade lines, docks, deeper edges
- Electronics for bait height first
- Slow down once the sun is overhead

EVENING

- Revisit shallow shade as sun drops
- Topwater if the surface lays down
- Weekday traffic is lighter — work quiet pockets

FALL TRANSITION **Largemouth plan: Follow shad into the backs of creeks and flats 1-10 ft; spinnerbait, squarebill and topwater at a fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: water 56°F — USGS lake gauge 01396790 (Spruce Run Reservoir At Clinton Nj, 2 km), 24-h mean to Mon 4:45 AM; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Bright sun pushes them tight to shade and depth midday, so expect the best feeding at sunrise and late afternoon rather than all day. What's on the menu: Gizzard shad and alewives lead the menu — hybrids follow the bait.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth along weed edges and wood; northern pike in the creek arms and weed. Check NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife rules — hybrid striped bass and pike have their own size and creel limits.

PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 — check the operator page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Spruce Run Reservoir at Clinton NJ	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 262.15 ft (Mon 3:45 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	Check NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife rules — hybrid striped bass and pike have their own size and creel limits.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at the Spruce Run Recreation Area's posted shoreline near the boat launch and the points along the park — verify fall hours, parking, and any fees live. At sunrise and sunset, be ready with a topwater walker, a small spoon, or a white swimbait to throw at busting fish.

KAYAK

Launch at the recreation area's ramp for short paddles toward the nearest points and flats. The northwest breeze can make the open basin choppy, so stay near shore. Morning are calm paddling days — watch for birds and busts, and move quietly toward them with a spoon or swimbait ready.

BOAT

Launch at the recreation area ramp, follow the posted horsepower and boating rules, and idle every pad. At sunrise and sunset, watch for birds and busts on the points and flats and approach quietly with topwaters, spoons, and swimbaits.

LURE BOX

TOP

Topwater walker or popper — on surface busts at first light. Small spoon — thrown to breaking fish. Fluke — fast over feeding schools.

MID

Swimbait — shad or white on points. Bucktail jig — white over the flats. Inline spinner — near-shore busts.

BOTTOM

Jigging spoon — when schools mark deep. Live-bait rig where legal — on the graph. Dropshot — for bass on the deep edge.